Chunky, Ribbed, Country Sweater

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Soft, roomy sweater with saddle shoulders, in textured rib pattern, with single-rib lower edge, cuff and hemmed neck welts

★★ Suitable for knitters with some previous experience

MATERIALS

Yarn
Hunter Embo 3 ply (Heavyweight yarn) 11(12:13:13:14) × 112g. hanks

Needles
1 pair 5mm.
1 pair 6mm.

MEASUREMENTS

Chest
92(97:102:107:112) cm.
36(38:40:42:44) in.

Length
66(67:69:70:71) cm.
26(26¼:27¼:27½:28) in.

Sleeve Seam
46(46:47:47:48) cm.
18(18:18½:18½:19) in.

TENSION

18 sts. and 20 rows = 10 cm. (4 in.) square over patt. on 6mm. needles. If your tension square does not correspond to these measurements, adjust the needle size used.

ABBREVIATIONS

k.=knit; p.=purl; st(s).=stitch(es); inc.=increase; dec.=decrease; beg.=begin(ning); rem. = remain(ing); rep. = repeat; alt. = alternate; tog. = together; sl. = slip stitch (transfer one stitch from left needle, knitwise unless otherwise stated, to right hand needle.); cont. = continue; patt. = pattern; foll. = following; folls. = follows; mm. = millimetres; cm. = centimetres; in. = inch(es); st.st. = stocking stitch; m.1 = make 1 st.: pick up horizontal loop lying before next st. and work into back of it; tw.2 = twist 2: k. into back of 2nd st., then front of first st. on left-hand needle and sl. 2 sts. off needle tog.

BACK

** Cast on 80(86:90:96:100) sts. with 5mm. needles and work in k.1, p.1 rib for 8 cm. (3¼ in.).
Next row: rib 5(2:5:3:5), m.1, rib 7(9:8:10:9), m.1 10(9:10:9:10) times, rib to end. [91(96:101:106:111) sts.]
Change to 6mm. needles and work in patt. as folls.:
1st row: (right side): k.2, * tw.2, k.1, p.1, k.1, rep. from * to last 4 sts., tw.2, k.2.
2nd row: k.2, * p.2, k.3, rep. from * to last 4 sts., p.2, k.2.
These 2 rows form patt.
Cont in patt. until back measures 44 cm. (17¼ in.), ending with a wrong side row.

Shape Armholes
Cast off 6(6:6:7:7) sts. at beg. of next 2 rows.
Dec. 1 st. at each end of next and every row until 69(72:75:78:81) sts. rem.
Work straight until armholes measure 17(18:20:21:22) cm. (6½(7:7¾:8¼:8½) in.), ending with a wrong side row. **

Shape Shoulders
Cast off 4 sts. at beg. of next 10(8:8:6:4) rows, then 5 sts. at beg. of foll. 0(2:2:4:6) rows.
Cast off rem. 29(30:33:34:35) sts.

FRONT

Work as for back from ** to **.

Shape Shoulders and Front Neck
Next row: patt. 27(28:28:29:30), cast off 15(16:19:20:21) sts., patt. to end.
Cont. on these sts. for first side.
1st row: cast off 4 sts., patt. to last 2 sts., k.2 tog.
2nd row: k.2 tog., patt. to end.
Rep. last 2 rows once more.
Next row: cast off 4(4:4:4:5) sts., patt. to last 2 sts., k.2 tog.
Next row: k.2 tog., patt. to end.
Next row: cast off 4(4:4:5:5) sts., patt. to last 2 sts., k.2 tog.
Next row: patt.
Cast off rem. 4(5:5:5:5) sts.
With wrong side facing, rejoin yarn to rem. sts. and work to match first side, reversing shapings.

SLEEVES

Cast on 38(38:40:40:42) sts. with 5mm. needles and work in k.1, p.1 rib for 8 cm. (3¼ in.).
Next row: rib 8(8:2:2:1), m.1, rib 11(11:7:7:5), m.1 2(2:5:5:8) times, rib to end. [41(41:46:46:51) sts.]
Change to 6mm. needles and, working in patt. as given for back, shape sides by inc. 1 st. at each end of 3rd and every foll. 4th row until there are 71(71:76:76:81) sts., taking inc. sts. into patt.
Work straight until sleeve seam measures 46(46:47:47:48) cm. (18(18:18½:18½:18¾) in.), ending with a wrong side row.

Shape Top
Cast off 6(6:6:7:7) sts. at beg. of next 2 rows.
Dec. 1 st. at each end of next and every foll. alt. row until 37(33:34:26:31) sts. rem.
Work 1 row.
Dec. 1 st. at each end of every row until 17(17:18:18:19) sts. rem.
Work 22(24:24:24:26) rows on these sts. for saddle shoulder.
Cast off.

MAKING UP AND NECK BORDER

Sew saddles to shoulders, leaving left back shoulder open.

Neck Border
With right side facing and 5mm. needles, k. up 15(15:16:16:17) sts. from left saddle shoulder, 9 sts. down left side of neck, 15(16:19:20:21) sts. from the front, 9 sts. up right side of neck, 15(15:16:16:17), sts. from right saddle shoulder, 27(28:31:32:33) sts. from back. [90(92:100:102:106) sts.]
Work in k.1, p.1 rib for 15 cm. (6 in.).
With a 6mm. needle, cast off loosely in rib.
Sew up left back saddle seam and neck border.
Fold neck border in half to wrong side and slip-hem in position.
Sew up side and sleeve seams.
Set in sleeves.
Press seams.